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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONTINUES - As February continues, so too are local initiatives commemorating and celebrating Black History Month. On February 28 at 7 p.m., the Caledon Public Library will host Channon Oyeniran, Vice President of the Ontario Black History Society, pictured here, with a talk on "Black History in Canada." Registration is required and can be done so at cpl.social/blackhistoryincanada. For more on other ongoing and future initiatives, see Page 2.

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Council opts against asking government to repeal Bill 124 despite nursing shortages

BY ROB PAUL

After a delegation from Caledon residents and Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) senior executive of legal, Sharan K. Basran, Caledon Council has decided not to ask the provincial government to rescind Bill 124, but to review the nursing shortage instead.

The motion Council passed stated, "now therefore be it resolved that the Provincial government be requested to review the cause of the shortage of staff within the healthcare system when they meet with representatives from the ONA in February."

Brampton Town Council recently passed a mo-

tion supporting the repeal of Bill 124.

Bill 124 was enacted by the Ford government in 2019 which limits the increase in public sector compensation to one per cent per year over a three-year period, which surpasses wage increases for registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and healthcare professionals.

As a result, the Province is dealing with a shortage of nurses while still struggling through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Basran met with Council to plea that they fight to have the Bill repealed.

"I really think this deserves your careful attention," said Basran. "It doesn't just impact nurses,


it impacts the community and the delivery of healthcare. In a nutshell, Bill 124 is wage restraint legislation. Just to give an example, our association has 55,000 nurses that work in the hospital sector and their moderation period, unfortunately, coincides with the worst pandemic we have ever seen in the last century—April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2023. It affects hospitals, not-for-profits, long-term care facilities, home care, primary care, and I think we can all relate that when we're in our time of need those are the places that we go to that are essential. What we're seeing today is quite troubling.

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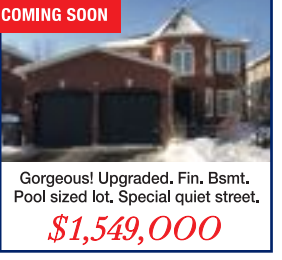
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Have a Heart for Headwaters launches for month of February

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER


February is known by heart as the month of love, but it also marks Heart Month in Canada.

Headwater's Health Care Foundation (HHCF) has launched a campaign called "Have a Heart for Headwaters" and is reaching out to the Dufferin-Caledon community to help raise funds for new

cardiac equipment at the local hospital.


"Have a Heart for Headwaters enables us to rally around Heart Month and since the government does not fund the medical equipment our health care team needs, we are truly grateful to our generous community members who reach out in support," said Nicole Warren, Senior Coordinator, Direct Response, Marketing & Communications for HHCF.

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Province announces pharmacies and grocery stores will distribute free COVID-19 rapid tests to public

BY ROB PAUL

The Ontario Government has announced upon the easing of public health measures that free rapid testing kits for at-home use will be available to the public.

Ontario will be distributing 5 million rapid tests each week for eight weeks through pharmacy and grocery locations across the province, as well as 500,000 each week through community partners in vulnerable communities. In total, the province is making 44 million rapid tests available to the public for free over the coming weeks.

“As we continue to carefully ease public health measures, rapid tests are providing another layer of protection and offer the public an additional tool to confidently do the things they love, like visiting family or dining at their favourite local restaurant,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “In addition to the millions of rapid tests deployed each week to support priority settings, including hospitals, long-term care homes and schools, working with our retail and community partners we are increasing access to at-home rapid tests.”

As of February 9, over 2,300 participating grocery and pharmacy locations will provide free rapid tests while supplies last, with a limit of one box of five tests per household per visit.

“Providing expanded access to testing for Ontarians will support the province’s cautious approach to easing public health measures,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “While testing is a critical component in our response to COVID-19, vaccination remains the best defence against the virus and its variants. Over the next few months, we need to continue following the public health measures that remain in place and vaccinate those who have yet to receive their doses to protect our communities and health care system capacity.”

To help with increasing vaccine coverage in the Region, Peel Public Health hosted its first of two “Doses after Dark” clinics.

On February 5, at the Save Max Sport Centre in Brampton, residents and children over five were able to get their first, second, or third dose of the vaccine—both Pfizer and Moderna are available—and over 1,000 doses were administered during the event.

The second Doses after Dark event will run February 12 from 1 p.m. to midnight at the Rockwood Mall clinic in Mississauga. The purpose of the event is to give those who might not be available during regular 9 to 5 hours a chance to get vaccinated when it’s more convenient for them.

Vaccine coverage and third booster shots have continued to increase in Peel where 3,204,145 doses have been administered. 1,398,770 individuals have one dose, 1,255,460 have both doses, and 547,083 have received their third dose booster.



Dr. Abdu Sharkawy and Dr. Lawrence Loh, Peel’s Medical Officer of Health, speak to youngsters at this past week’s Doses After Dark clinic. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE REGION OF PEEL

The Region now has 80.1 per cent of all residents with two dose coverage and 85.3 per cent with single dose. 90.8 per cent of those 12 and older are double vaccinated and 93.7 per cent have initiated the vaccination process—84.5 per cent of all eligible residents (5+) have both doses and 90.1 per cent have one.

In Peel, there have been 2,135 new COVID-19 cases in the last week to bring the total to 171,224.

The Region’s death count has now risen to 1,151 with 42 new deaths since last week.

Caledon has seen 103 new cases over the last week to bring the Town total to 7,410. There was also one new death this week with the count rising to 26.

To book a vaccine in the Region of Peel, visit www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/book-appointment/. To schedule a third dose booster, visit covid19.ontariohealth.ca/.

To download or print a copy of your proof of vaccination, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support/#proof-of-vaccination.

To learn more about the official QR code system Ontario has implemented and to access yours, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof/.

DCCBA and MOD presents Black Heroes Past, Present & Future on February 27

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA) and the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) are partnering to host an upcoming event in celebration of Black History Month.

The event, entitled “Black Heroes Past, Present & Future”, will be held virtually on February 27 at 1 p.m. and feature a number of familiar faces discussing the involvement of Dufferin County’s Black community.

“We welcome the community to join us for this opportunity of learning our past, what’s happening in the present, and what we can expect to the future,” said Nanci Malek, Events and Marketing Coordinator for the MoD. “Our Black community is very strong and we are supportive of people educating themselves on the history, and what is going on in our community today.”

Panelists at the event will include Grammy Award-winning artist and author Dan Hill, who will read from his book “I Am My Father’s Son: A Memoir of Love and Forgiveness” and Godfather of Canadian Hip

Hop, Maestro Fresh Wes.

Local leaders such as Shelburne Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson and Soulyve Incorporated’s Phil Dewar, will also be in attendance as panelists, as well as Centre Dufferin District High School (CD-DHS) Black Chapter Youth group members – Danielle Bryan, Ashanti Brooks, and Tyra Harris.

This year marks the third year the Museum of Dufferin and Dufferin County Canadian Black Association have partnered to bring the Black History Month celebration to Dufferin County.

Black Heroes Past, Present & Future will look at the stories of Black History featured in the MoD’s main exhibit, Through the Looking Glass, while discussing present work from leaders to shape diversity, equity and inclusion in the community, and how youth are shaping future discussions.

“I couldn’t think of a more appropriate theme to represent this time that we’re in, this Black History Month,” said DCCBA founder and president, Alethia O’Hara Stephenson.

O’Hara Stephenson noted that this year’s theme al-


lows for a shift in the narrative that has commonly surrounded Black History Month.

“In order to know where you are going you need to know where you are coming from. Oftentimes, when we think about Black History Month, we talk about slavery, but it’s much more than that,” she said. “This is an opportunity to talk about the rich contributions that Black Canadians have done in our community and throughout Canada to pave the way for us. But, more importantly, it a great way to celebrate and acknowledge how far we’ve come, the great things we’ve accomplished, but yet so much more to do. When we look at the brilliance and excellence of our young people – their future is bright and we’re already seeing their excellence on full display.”

Black Heroes Past, Present & Future, presented by the DCCBA and MoD will take place on February 27 at 1 p.m. and will be live streamed on the Dufferin County YouTube page.

Questions from the public for the Q&A session are requested to be submitted before the event at info@dufferinmuseum.com.

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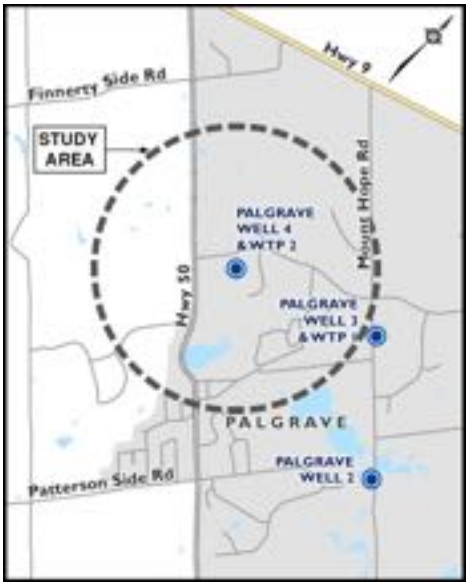
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 AND REVISED PROJECT SCHEDULE SUPPLY CAPACITY INCREASE FOR PALGRAVE WELL # 4

Background:

The Region of Peel owns and operates the Palgrave – Caledon East Drinking Water System a groundwater-based system, supplying drinking water to the communities of Caledon East, Palgrave, Palgrave Estates, Mono Road, Albion, Centreville, and Cedar Mills, in the Town of Caledon. The system is currently supplied by six (6) municipal groundwater sources located in Palgrave and Caledon East.

Class EA Study Process

The Region is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study to evaluate and identify the necessary upgrades/modifications resulting from a proposed increase in water taking capacity of the existing municipal production well, Palgrave Well #4, located at 9 Buckstown Trail. An increase of water taking of Palgrave Well #4 will provide additional supply capacity to the existing Caledon East/Palgrave Drinking Water System to meet the long-term water needs of the serviced area.



A Notice of Commencement for the Supply Capacity Increase for Palgrave Well #4 was issued to advise the starting of the project as a Schedule B project. The Class EA study is now being conducted as a Schedule ‘C’ project according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). The study includes an evaluation of alternative solutions and alternative design concepts, an assessment of potential impacts associated with the required works/infrastructure and development of measures to mitigate identified impacts.

As part of the study, a first Public Information Centre is planned to allow interested individuals to learn more about the project, activities completed to-date, the preliminary preferred recommended solution, and to provide an opportunity to obtain your feedback on the study.


Given the COVID-19 situation, the PIC #1 will be held virtually through Region’s website. Public Information Centre material will be available on the website from: Monday, February 14, 2022, until Friday, March 4, 2022.

You are encouraged to review the Public Information Centre #1 material and provide your feedback, questions or comments. All content and instructions on how to submit questions or comments will be posted on the project webpage: <https://www.peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/caledon/palgrave-ea-well4.asp>


Comments received through the course of the study will be considered in finalizing the preferred design concept to accommodate the supply capacity increase of the Palgrave Well #4.

Anyone who wishes to comment on or to be involved in this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study should indicate their interest, preferably in writing to either of the project team members listed below:

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The Notice of PIC was first issued on February 3, 2022.

With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environment Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario’s Environmental Assessment Act.

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Community-builders honoured by Caledon as 2022 nominations open

BY ROB PAUL

The Town of Caledon is recognizing 18 citizens for their dedication to their community in 2021, as part of its annual Community Recognition initiative.

“It’s more important than ever before that we recognize and celebrate the tremendous contributions of extraordinary residents and volunteers who help build and enrich our community in their own special way,” said Mayor Allan Thompson. “Our Community Champions for 2021 are all of our incredible front-line workers who have given and sacrificed so much, they continue to make us #Caledonproud.”

There are several awards presented to residents who qualify for a Volunteer Service Award or Citizen Achievement Award based on the criteria and eligibility for each category.

Volunteer Service Awards recognize Caledon residents who have made a significant impact towards the development and advancement of recreational sports, arts and culture, environmental leadership or community and social services.

Citizen Achievement Awards are designed to recognize Caledon residents who have competed or been recognized at the Provincial, National or International levels in the areas of sports or arts and culture.

This category includes the Distinguished Citizen Award and the Community Champion Award.

Additionally, those that have completed service with a Committee of Council are also recognized.

This year the 18 recipients fall under four different categories: Community and Social Services, Sports and Recreation, Arts and Culture, and

Committees of Council. The recipients are Jane Chapman, Marilyn Conway-Jones, Richard Daigneault, Elke Gartner-Manzon, Andrea Wilson, Kori deBoer, Tom French, Jennifer Intranovo, Dan Kolb, Barb Patten, Sarah Palumbo, Dale St. Clair, Alfonso Ciarcellutti, Andrew Pearce, Jayne Culbert, Ken Graydon, Susan Harris, and Emma Whittaker.

With the 2021 awards announced, 2022 Community Recognition Night award nominations are now open. Deadline for submission is Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

The 2022 Community Recognition Night will tentatively take place during National Volunteer Week (April 24 to 30).

Caledon Community Recognition Night is an event that recognizes Caledon residents whose efforts have made significant impact towards the development and advancement

of recreational sports, arts and culture, environmental leadership or community and social services.

To be honoured, nominees must reside in Caledon, have reached a minimum of five years of volunteer service, and not received a Volunteer Service Award, by the Town of Caledon, within the last five years.

On top of the Volunteer Service Awards and Citizen Achievement Awards, a single recipient is selected for the special Community Champion Award.

The highest honour, the Community Champion is chosen from among all the nominees by the Selection Committee based on the significance of their community involvement and years of service.

For more information about the award process and criteria, visit caledon.ca/volunteer.

Have a Heart for Headwaters launches

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The local hospital is in need of a new Electrocardiogram (ECG) Machine to replace their current aging one, which is more than 10 years old and at the end of its serviceable lifespan of 10 to 12 years. The new ECG machine will support the nearly 15,000 patients who arrive at Headwaters with cardiac concerns each year.

“We’re a busy place and we see a lot of patients who have heart issues,” said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of HHCF. “We want to make sure that our health care team has the very best tools on hand and the best medical equipment to provide the care they need to.”

K.C. noted that ECG machines can be used to detect a number of conditions related to the heart including arrhythmias, coronary heart disease, heart attacks, and cardiomyopathy.

“There’s a whole range of heart disorders that can be diagnosed with the help of this and then patients can be directed to the treatment appropriate for them,” he said.

Through the Have a Heart for Headwaters fundraiser, HHCF is hoping to raise at least \$17,000, which will cover the complete cost of the new ECG machine.

“[Headwaters] is the first place you’re going to be brought in an emergency, it’s the hospital closest to home for so many people in Dufferin and Caledon so it’s important for us to be able to help people get the right tests,” said K.C. “This new [ECG] machine benefits the community by being close to home and of course with medical interventions, particularly with the heart, time is of the essence. The faster you can get an answer, the quicker you can get the best treatment and that in certain cases, can save lives or prevent more serious damage to the heart.”

Headwaters Health Care Foundation has partnered with a number of local businesses for Have a Heart for Headwaters to help raise donations.

Participating business and how donations will be given include:


- Drake Laboratory: will donate 15 per cent of all online sales from customers who use code HAH22 at checkout
- Green Monkey Creative: will donate 10 per cent of all new graphic design projects
- Nifty Nook: when you place an order for pick up, they will donate 10 per cent of your order to HHCF
- Shop with Purpose: when you purchase something from the Have A Heart for Headwaters collection on their website, 10 per cent of the purchase will be donated
- Team Apex: for every home sold in the month of February, Team Apex will donate \$500 to cardiac care at Headwaters
- The Kitchen at Mono Mill: will donate \$1 for each take out order in February and March to HHCF
- The Weathervane: when you purchase any candle, 20 per cent will be donated to HHCF
- Windrush Estate Winery: when you book a Wine Tour for Four, \$20 will be donated to HHCF.

Donation can also be made at www.hhcfoundation.com or call 519-941-2702 ext.2303.



UNEARTHING BEAUTY – Local artists feature prominently in “Unearthing Beauty”, a new exhibition that opened this Wednesday, February 9, at the Headwaters Art Gallery (Alton Mill Arts Centre). On through March 20, the show includes the works of Nancy MacNabb, Bhavna Bhatnagar, Patty Maher, Mary Perkins, Jill Birks, Iris Ranieri, Deb Menkin, Kayla Jackson, Sophie Vertigan and Marnie Cook. For more information, visit headwatersarts.org.

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IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

During the period of February 4 - 6, 2022, officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were involved in four separate incidents that resulted in impaired driving related charges.

“On February 4, 2022, on Airport Road at approximately 1:34 p.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint from a motorist,” say Police. “The vehicle was located and stopped. Since the officer suspected that the driver’s driving abilities were impaired, they were asked to provide a sample of their breath into an Approved Roadside Screening Device, which resulted in a ‘fail’ reading. The driver was then placed under arrest for impaired driving and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted.”

As a result of the police investigation, Manjit Aulak, 46, of Orangeville, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg

“On February 5, 2022, at approximately 12:49 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a vehicle on In-

nis Lake Road being operated in an unsafe manner,” say Police. “The vehicle was stopped and the officer formed grounds to arrest the driver for impaired driving. They were later transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted.”

As a result, Manjinder Gill, 41, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg
- Operator while impaired
- Dangerous operation

“On February 6, 2022, at approximately 5:47 a.m., Police were asked by paramedics to assist on a possible medical call on Mississauga Road,” say Police. “During the interaction, the officer formed grounds for impaired driving and the driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Detachment for breath tests.”

As a result of the police investigation, Ladan Adan, 25, of Caledon was charged with:

- Operation while impaired
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

“A few minutes later on the same day, at approximately 5:51 a.m., Police were also requested to attend the area of Ellwood Drive East and Leavens Court for a vehicle into a snow bank. The interaction with the driver led to their arrest for impaired driving and the driver was subsequently transported to the Caledon Detachment where breath tests were conducted.”

As a result of the police investigation, Carlos Gonzalez, 24, of Caledon was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) over 80 mg
- Novice driver - B.A.C. over zero
- Have care or control of vehicle with cannabis readily available

All four vehicles were impounded for seven days and their drivers licenses were suspended for a period of 90 days. All accused persons are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on April 21, 2022 to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

FURTHER CHARGES FOLLOW ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AT ALLISTON BUSINESS

Members of the Major Crime Unit of Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) arrested a male in connection to a sexual assault investigation that occurred at a medical facility in Alliston, New Tecumseth.

“The victim attended a medical facility, where the victim was sexually assaulted during a procedure,” say Police.

As a result of the investigation, last year, on November 30, 2021, Samuel Olupona, 71, of Kleinburg, was charged with the following:

- Sexual Assault - two counts

“As the investigation has continued, three more victims have now come forward this year,” say Police. “As a result, the accused has been charged with three additional counts of sexual assault.”

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford on March 10, 2022. The charges have not been proven.

At this time, police have had four victims come forward and believe there may be more.

Police are requesting anyone who may have additional information or believes that they were a victim of a similar circumstance to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

When you contact Crime Stoppers you remain anonymous, you will never have to testify and you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

“The members of the Nottawasaga OPP Crime Unit work with victims to encourage reporting of serious crimes,” says Detective Sergeant Sarah Vance of the Nottawasaga OPP Crime Unit. “Victim impact and understanding is a primary goal when investigating a crime against a person. Officers are committed to assisting victims during what is often the worst experience of their lives,

providing support throughout criminal investigations and pending court proceedings. The Unit strives to thoroughly investigate serious criminal offences, while being mindful of victim needs and the overall needs of the community we serve.”

In addition to the Crime Unit, the OPP has a team of dedicated officers within the Victim Response Support Unit (VRSU). Members of the VRSU provide oversight and guidance to investigators throughout domestic violence and sexual assault investigations to ensure a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach.

OPP WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Central Region is welcoming 29 Provincial Constables who graduated today after completing their training at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, and the Ontario Provincial Police Academy in Orillia.

“The 29 new officers, who are part of Class 494, join Central Region with diverse backgrounds and experience, and are committed to working collaboratively with our communities to prevent crime and improve public safety,” say Police.

The new Provincial Constables have been deployed to the following detachments:

- Bracebridge - 3 officers
- Caledon - 6 officers
- City of Kawartha Lakes - 3 officers
- Collingwood - 1 officer
- Huntsville - 1 officer
- Huronia West - 1 officer
- Northumberland - 1 officer
- Nottawasaga - 1 officer
- Orillia - 4 officers
- Peterborough - 2 officers
- Southern Georgian Bay - 6 officers


“Policing is an honourable and rewarding career that these 29 Provincial Constables have chosen in order to serve their communities,” says Chief Superintendent Dwight Peer (Central Region). “The dedication already displayed by these officers during their training will be of great benefit to further enhance public safety and support their local detachments. I proudly welcome our officers to Central Region and thank them for their commitment to serve with pride, professionalism and honour.”

The OPP is an equal opportunity employer dedicated to ensuring open, accessible, equitable and respectful workplaces, and is committed to reflecting the diverse communities it serves.

“We encourage applications from members of our diverse communities, including Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, women, persons from racialized groups, 2SLGBTQ+ persons, those who are able to speak fluently in another language, and anyone committed to a rewarding career in public service.

“The OPP actively recruits and interviews potential candidates throughout the year. Upon successful completion of the Recruitment Process, each Provincial Constable recruit must successfully complete the required training programs at both the Provincial Police Academy and the Ontario Police College.”




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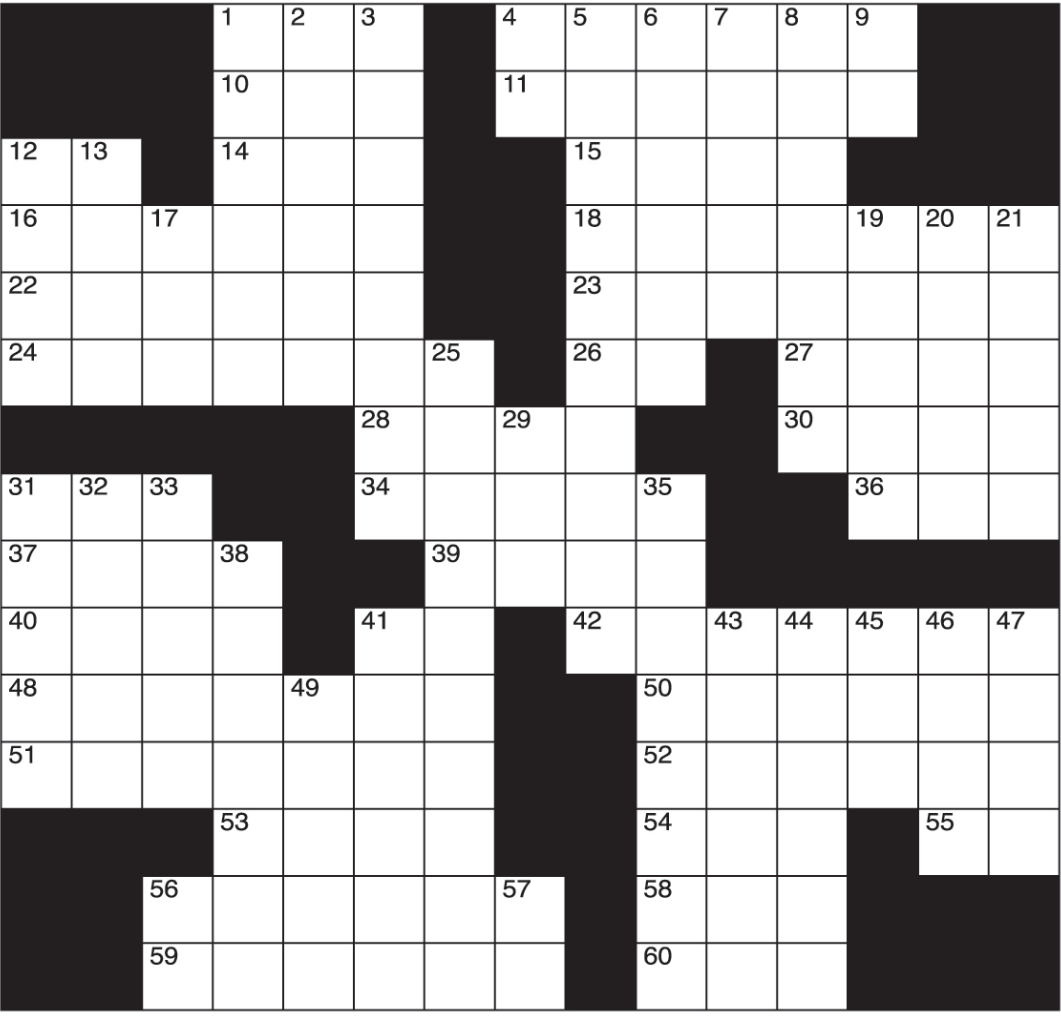
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The Citizen CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

(abbr.)

1. One point east of due south

4. City in Maine

10. Inquire too closely

11. Make dirty

12. Small Greek island

14. Bitterly regret

15. Millisecond

16. ___ the ante

18. Without value

22. Eurasian ryegrass

23. Authentic

24. Having a mournful quality

26. Not out

27. Salvador ___, Spanish artist

28. Cargo (abbr.)

30. This (Spanish)

31. Sino-Soviet block

34. Slang for trucks with trailers

36. Helps you hear

37. Steer a boat

39. British School

40. Genus of olive

41. Computer term (abbr.)

42. Horse gear

48. Give off

50. A type of salt

51. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule

52. One who watches birds

53. Sailboat

54. A major division of geological time

55. Sodium

56. American state

58. Soak in water

Solution in CLASSIFIEDS

59. Thin decorative covering of fine wood

60. Affirmative

CLUES DOWN

1. One of the four seasons

2. Its sultan is famous

3. A lens for correcting defective vision in one eye

4. College degree

5. Soldiers need it

6. Japanese car manufacturer

7. A way to address

8. Obstruct

9. Atomic number 45

12. Ill-mannered

13. Opaque gem

17. Indicates before

19. Remove

20. Populous

21. More cunning

25. Rich dessert

29. Payment (abbr.)

31. Footwear

32. Famed Alabama city

33. Sheep’s cry

35. Arrogance

38. Clergical vestment

41. Serving no practical purpose

43. An evening party

44. Print errors

45. Not good

46. Egyptian Sun god

47. Industrial German city

49. Scottish island

56. Early multimedia

57. Atomic number

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No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Caledon's Ethan Luce is achieving his dream with his upcoming EP, the single "Airplane Mode" drops next week



A shot of Caledon's Ethan Luce (above) sees him taking it all in as he lays on the floor in the music video for his upcoming single "Airplane Mode," which is set to drop February 16.

BY ROB PAUL

For more than five years, Ethan Luce has been searching for the right musical vibe to define a moment.

In his fight to craft the perfect sound for how he's feeling on any given day, for any given situation, he arms himself with a guitar and pen.

Between strums of his guitar, he puts his carefully thought-out lyrics to paper and, in that moment, Luce can feel himself alive as he works towards his dream of making it as a singer/songwriter.

“You are one of 20 people on a red eye flight that has just taken off,” he says. “You didn’t tell anyone you were leaving, and you don’t plan to. Staring out your window, you admire the grid of lights that illuminate the city you call home... then suddenly, you’re above the clouds; 40,000 feet above all the problems that are bound to the earth’s surface... with no cell reception. As you put on your headphones, take a sigh of relief and relax, you feel a sense of tranquility and clarity that you haven’t felt in a long time.”

That's how the 21-year-old graduate of Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon East describes a true experience he felt that inspired him to write his upcoming single, "Airplane Mode."

The single is set to debut on February 16 with plans for an EP later in the year.

"Actually making a record has been something

I've always dreamed of doing," he said. "But it was never something I saw as a real possibility in my head because nobody in my family ever really got into music and, growing up, I was never really involved in it. I was always a sports kid. Then when the pandemic hit, I was already on the fence about the university program I was in, I didn't want to do online school, and I wanted to give music a real shot and put all my effort into it. So, I stopped going to university and put all my energy into making music and started taking online courses about music production. I also have a really good network of friends around me that are all into music, being creative and making music videos. I've got a team of friends who have made it possible for me to make a record."

Luçe's upcoming EP is years in the making and it's nearly done, but a recent injury to his vocal cords has impacted the timeline for when it will drop.

“The EP probably won’t come out until this summer, but I’m super excited,” he said. “I’ve been working on it since about Grade 12, so that’s about four years. I started producing and recording about a year and a half ago, but I’ve been dealing with a vocal injury. I haven’t been able to sing for about three months—I blew my voice out at a show. I didn’t think something like this was even possible and I thought I’d bounce back quickly. After about a month of it not coming back, I saw a doctor for

it and I've been seeing a vocal therapist. Honestly, it's still not back so I haven't been able to continue recording the record and that's been holding it up. I've just got to track vocals for one more song and then it's done."

The goal wasn't just to put out a handful of tracks he's written, but it was to pull all the different music Luce enjoys and blend it together throughout the EP to sharpen his skills while also developing a unique sound.

“It’s like a ride, it’s kind of a collage because I’m experimenting and not focused on one sound,” he said. “I’ve got one song that’s a singer/songwriter vibe with beautiful cellos, another that’s a true rock song, another that’s got a beat I made and is more pop/hip hop—it’s a good mix. Two of the songs that are on it and out already are called ‘Potion’ and ‘FAM JAM.’ ‘FAM JAM’ is probably my personal favourite and is just sort of a song about the pandemic ending and being able to do things with family again—it’s a feel-good vibe song.”

Having only begun his foray into music a few years ago, Luce is proud to have come as far as he has, especially when he reflects on his first time really learning guitar.

"I started writing songs in Grade 10 and I had only played guitar for probably six months before I started writing songs," he said. "I gravitated towards writing songs, I love playing guitar and producing music, but just writing has always been the

main thing I love. I took a guitar class in Grade 10 and I always joke with my friends because guitar class was my worst mark in all of high school and now I'm trying to pursue it! Shoutout to my Grade 10 guitar teacher!"

Drawing inspiration from one of the most popular artists in the world, Luce doesn't like to pigeonhole himself into one sound and prefers to go whichever direction he feels best suits the moment

"I always think of Ed Sheeran being in the scope of what I'm trying to create," he said. "Almost because he does so many different things—he's made singer-songwriter albums, collaborative albums with hip hop artists, he's done pop. I kind of like to grab from everywhere, too, like that but this upcoming track (Airplane Mode) isn't really an Ed Sheeran vibe it's more of a rock song. I'd stick my sound with the pop genre because that's how I tend to write my melodies, but I like to draw from different genres—rock, pop, hip hop. I'm kind of still at the point where I'm just experimenting with what I like."

While many musicians have felt the difficulties of the pandemic with live music being taken away for long stretches, the situation is actually what gave Luce a chance to hone his craft and realize his dreams.

"I really took a leap into music when the pandemic started," he said. "That gave me the opportunity to slow down and learn, and not feel rushed to produce music. I've enjoyed having that time to slowdown to write and make my music rather than feeling the pressure to play a bunch of live shows right away. When things did start opening over the summer and in September, I started playing with a band. I actually went to Robert F. Hall with all the guys in the band. They were all in the jazz band and I looked up to them when I was just starting music because they're all crazy musicians. One day, I reached out to them to play some shows and they were all down and it was kind of a full circle moment to be playing with the guys I admired in high school. We had so much fun playing live shows and having a crowd."

Though he has plans to follow-up the EP with an album and play more live shows, it all hinges on when he'll be able to return to singing given his vocal injury, but it hasn't stopped him from starting the process.

"I've actually already started recording the album, at this point because I can't record vocals with my injury, so I've been in my home studio and been trying to get better at producing and playing guitar," he said. "I've been working on the instrumentals for the album, and I really want to play more live shows with the band too, but it's really a matter of when my injury heals."

Public Notice



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE NO. 2

Stormwater Servicing Master Plan for Regional Road Infrastructure

Background:

The Region of Peel is implementing an infrastructure planning initiative to develop a Stormwater Servicing Master Plan for Regional Roads. The Stormwater Servicing Master Plan will provide a strategic, economical, and optimized vision that will guide the Region of Peel's management of stormwater assets into 2041. The planning process will provide the Region with the information needed to develop appropriate solutions to service current and future growth that also addresses existing issues and the expected impacts of climate change.

Process

This study is being planned in accordance with the Master Planning process (Approach #1) as set out in Section A.2.7 of the Municipal Engineer Association (MEA) Class EA (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). This approach involves the preparation of a Master Plan document at the conclusion of Phase 1 and 2 of the Class EA process.

Your Input is Important

The Region wants to ensure that anyone with an interest in this study has the opportunity to be involved and to provide input. Your feedback is important and will help us refine the preferred solution.

Due to COVID-19 Provincial guidelines on physical distancing, the first in-person PIC was cancelled, however, the PIC#1 presentation materials were made available on the Region of Peel website: <https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/residents/sw-road-infrastructure.asp>.

The second Public Information Centre (PIC) will be available online on February 17, 2022 and will include the presentation materials and a summary of the evaluation process used to determine the preliminary preferred solution. All content and instructions on how to submit questions and feedback will be outlined on the project website above. This will be followed by a three-week question submission period closing March 10, 2022. A formal response to all questions, comments and feedback will be posted on March 24, 2022.

Contact

To be added to the mailing list, provide feedback or to receive further information about the project, please contact:

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Follow us on Twitter @**PeelPublicWorks** for service updates.

The Region of Peel is committed to ensure that all Regional services, programs and facilities are inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities. Please contact the Project Manager if you need any disability accommodations to provide comments or feedback for this study.

This notice was first issued on February 10, 2022



Town officially hires new Chief Planner

BY ROB PAUL

The Town of Caledon has announced that Antonietta Minichillo has been appointed the new Director of Planning/Chief Planner for the Town of Caledon.

“Antonietta brings to the Chief Planner position a progressive work style that is centred on collaboration, strategic action and empowerment,” said CAO Carey Herd. “She thrives on bringing forward and fostering new ideas and approaches that inspire others and support an environment of commitment, innovation and passion. Antonietta’s experience will be an asset to the Planning team as we continue to manage the future growth of Caledon.”

Prior to joining Caledon, Minichillo was the Director of Planning, Building and By-Law in the Town of Grimsby where she led significant transformation through the modernization of planning development application processes, conducting the Town’s first ever urban design review panel, and facilitating Grimsby’s first geothermal development. In a short time, Antonietta advanced numerous Council priorities across a spectrum of portfolios, including the Downtown Reimagined proj-

ect, all while leading during a pandemic.

Previously, Minichillo was the Manager of Community Innovation and Resilience at the City of Brampton. She led the delivery and implementation of the Brampton 2040 Vision.

Minichillo will bring her duties as the Chief Planner for the Town of Caledon on March 7, 2022, taking over for Acting Chief Planner Ed Sajecki. She will play a significant role as Caledon prepares to finalize its Official Plan later this year.

“Her experience and knowledge of the Region of Peel will be an asset for the Town of Caledon,” the Town said in a statement.

Minichillo is a Registered Professional Planner (RPP), member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Planners (CAHP), and holds a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies (Planning).

“On behalf of Members of Council and the community, I thank Ed Sajecki for his leadership during the last year and for moving the Official Plan forward while managing increasing demands,” said Mayor Allan Thompson. “We are thrilled to welcome Antonietta to Caledon at this exciting time of growth and opportunity.”

Council opts not to ask government to repeal Bill 124 despite nursing shortages

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“It excludes municipalities and municipally-controlled bodies so that would mean a nursing home, for example, in the Region of Peel would not be impacted. One of the concerns ONA has raised is Bill 124 exempts male-dominated professions such as police, firefighters, and paramedics. Nurses strongly support the valuable contributions of first responders during the pandemic; however, it’s hard when you’re a registered nurse and also a first responder dealing with extremely dangerous circumstances. I cannot tell you the number of registered nurses who have contracted COVID. It’s difficult when you have a registered nurse in a predominantly female profession who is looking at their male colleagues and saying, ‘I’m making a comparable risk and doing this as a matter of dedication, as a matter of my obligations as a registered nurse yet we disproportionately face the impact.’ Discrimination does not require intent, and this is strongly felt as a form of adverse effect on a predominantly female profession.”

Basran explained that a major part of the problem with the shortages is due to working conditions with inadequate pay, which has led many to see no reason to stay in the public sector as private healthcare sectors demand for nurses increases.

“The first thing we’re seeing is staffing shortages and there is a direct linkage to Bill 124,” she said. “That nursing staffing shortage is causing a direct impact on the healthcare system. One nurse said on public record, ‘Bill 124 has stripped the ability for nurse to bargain for fair and adequate wages for the work they’re doing, there’s no effort being made to retain nurses in the profession, nurses are working 12 hour shifts often with no breaks, their vacations are being denied, they’re working excessive overtime, and they’re constantly working short staffed and they have unsafe nurse to patient ratios.’ A nurse recently told me that there was a unit where there had been so many nurses that had left that she had a ratio of one nurse to 15 patients on a medical ward. Nurses are in fairly dangerous circumstances. Nurses are also saying if you look at the extraordinary working conditions combined with low pay, the incentive to stay within certain facilities is just not there.”

Prior to having her request to delegate for additional five minutes denied, Basran gave Council a close to home example, presenting

specific nursing numbers of William Osler Health System, the hospital that services the Caledon community.

“I personally spoke to registered nurses at William Osler in Orangeville because I think it’s important you’re informed on local conditions and what’s happening,” she said. “I was advised that there are currently 154 permanent full-time vacancies that are not filled, 188 part-time permanent vacancies—a total of 342 permanent vacancies. If you layer temporary vacancies on top of that, there’s currently 86 full-time and 34 part-time temporary vacancies. You’re creeping towards 500 vacancies; these are unprecedented levels. Last week, 100 patients were admitted to William Osler with no beds, that means patients came to the emergency department and they needed to be admitted to the hospital—they either didn’t have a hospital bed or didn’t have enough staff to take care of them. Nurses are going to the United States and other provinces where the wage increase is greater, and the cost of living is better.”

Councillor Annette Groves, who supports rescinding Bill 124, posted on social media her thoughts on Council’s decision and the Bill.

“It was very disappointing to hear the comments from certain members of Council with all their excuses why they would not support rescinding Bill 124,” Groves posted. “This is a Bill passed by Doug Ford and his cronies to suppress the wages of public sector employees at one per cent over three years. This Bill affects our nurses who have been working tirelessly only to be insulted by Doug Ford in freezing their wages at one per cent.”

After Council’s decision, Basran told the Caledon Citizen that the motion to discuss staffing shortages was not enough and that lack of mention of Bill 124 in the motion is an issue.

“ONA’s position is that Bill 124 needs to be rescinded,” she said. “One of the key reasons that nurses are leaving the profession is poor pay due to wage caps imposed by Bill 124. The Town motion asked the Ford Government to meet with ONA to discuss the cause of the nursing shortage and makes no mention of Bill 124. Therefore, it is missing a crucial link driving this severe nursing crisis. We cannot retain experienced nurses who are leaving to work in the United States and other jurisdictions where there is better pay. We are not paying nurses’ their market value. The only way out of that is to rescind Bill 124.”

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Province commits nearly \$1 million to help job shortage in food and beverage processing sector

BY ROB PAUL

On Friday morning, the Ontario government announced it is investing almost \$1 million to prepare over 600 people across the province for careers in food and beverage processing.

This funding to Food and Beverage Ontario provides jobseekers with training, mentorship, and job placements with local employers in baking, food science, and food production and processing.

“Canada’s food and beverage processing sector is a cornerstone of the Province,” said Deepak Anand, MPP Mississauga-Malton. “It contributes billions to the economy, and, more importantly, it provides well-paying careers to workers across Ontario. Over the next 10 years, it’s estimated that 20 per cent of the food and beverage processing are expected to retire. With each retirement there’s another paycheck waiting to be collected. These hardworking men and women fuel our community, quite literally, and our commitment today is part of a new program launched by the government and specifically designed to support fresh ideas, training, and address to the labour shortage we face today.”

Workers in food processing, transportation and warehousing, where job postings have nearly doubled over the past year, and a fifth of the workforce is preparing to retire, can earn upwards of \$25 an hour.

“It’s a little-known fact among most people who don’t work in food and beverage processing that it is one of the largest sectors in Ontario,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. “Together, these workers contribute well over \$14 billion to our provincial economy. Ontario’s food and beverage workers have kept shelves stocked and our province running throughout the pandemic. Not only do you work in an essential industry, you work in a growing industry. Job postings in this sector nearly doubled between 2020 and 2021 going from 3,500 job openings to more than 6,000 today. I’m proud to support this exciting project, which is giving people a head-start in pursuing rewarding careers to help them land well-paying jobs with one of Ontario’s 4,000 employers who have jobs to fill today and ensuring employers have access to the trained, highly-skilled workers they need to grow our economy and strengthen communities across the province.”

Food and Beverage Ontario’s (FBO) CareersNOW! program will help address this labour shortage by delivering free online training and coaching on topics such as workplace safety, employee-employer relations, and safe food handling,

to prepare people for jobs in food and beverage manufacturing; a regional pilot program with the City of Brampton to assess challenges and opportunities in connecting local jobseekers with employers, focusing on underrepresented groups in the industry, including women and people of colour; a virtual career mentorship series delivered in partnership with Ontario colleges and universities that provides students with opportunities to connect with professionals in the industry and explore education and career pathways; and online job fairs to connect jobseekers with open positions.

“With this important investment, Food and Beverage Ontario has kickstarted a critical workforce development program for Ontario’s food and beverage processors, and the participation by employers and jobseekers has been extraordinary,” said Chris Conway, CEO of the Food and Beverage Ontario.

This initiative is part of Ontario’s over \$200-million Skills Development Fund investment, designed to support fresh ideas for training and skills development that will help the economy recover and prosper.

“We know that Ontario’s food and beverage processors have great jobs to offer, and we appreciate the role these processors play, every day, as an important link in Ontario’s food supply chain,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “Training our future workforce with the much-needed skills required and matching them with employers in need, will support the growth of our province’s agri-food sector and maintain our confidence in our local food supply which all-told, strengthens our province’s economy as well.”

As part of the announcement, a recent participant in the CareersNOW! program, Anna Prea, shared her experiences.

“I recently completed my Masters of Engineering and Biological Engineering from the University of Guelph,” she said. “Over the last few months, I started looking for job opportunities in the food industry and I realized that in addition to my formal education I would benefit from industry-specific skills training and that’s when I learned about CareersNOW! I signed up for CareersNOW! job ready skills training program and have just graduated. Feeling great about it, I attended a CareersNOW! job fair earlier this week where I got the chance to interact with many talent acquisition leaders of various Ontario food and beverage processing companies. I would like to give my heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, Food and Beverage Ontario, and all partners of this great initiative.”

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF APPLICATION

12101 Airport Road and 6034 Mayfield Road Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2021-0009

This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received an Official Plan Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT:

Glen Schnarr & Associates on behalf of Argo Kennedy Limited

LOCATION:

12891 Hurontario St, 0 Old School Rd, 3191 Old School Rod, 3201 Old School Rd, 3431 Old School Rd, 3441 Old School Rd, 12676 Kennedy Rd, 0 Kennedy Road, 12909 Kennedy Rd, 12895 Kennedy Rd, 3521 Old School Rd, and 3611 Old School Rd, Part of Lot 22, Concession 1 and 2, EHS (Chinguacousy)
All properties south of Old School Road, east of Highway 10, west of Kilmanagh Creek and north of the Mayfield West Settlement Boundary

Ward 2

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment for a Secondary Plan study for the subject lands. The proposed community would consist of a mixture of low and medium density residential, park, open space and storm water management pond uses along with an internal road network.

The Official Plan Amendment would expand the Mayfield West Settlement Boundary. It would also change the designation of the subject lands from Prime Agricultural Area and Environmental Policy Area - Mayfield West Land Use Plan to Mayfield West XXX Secondary Plan with the following land use designations:: Residential Area, Mixed High/Medium Density Residential, Institutional, Open space Policy Area, Gateway Feature and Conceptual Road Network.



The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change.
The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

LEAD PLANNER:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, additional information and material,

please visit caledon.ca/notices or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON, L7C 1J6.

ACCESSIBILITY:

If you require an accessibility accommodation to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Legislative Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at legislative.services@caledon.ca.

Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

Notice Date: February 10, 2022



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AWARD CATEGORIES

- Volunteer service awards
- Citizen achievement awards

Nominations are open until February 13.

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Senior of the Year

This award is given every June by the Town to recognize an outstanding senior who enriches the social, cultural, or civic life of the community.

ELIGIBILITY

The person you nominate (the nominee) must be:

- at least 65 years of age;
- a resident of Caledon, and
- a living person who has made their community a better place to live.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- first and last name
- home address
- email address
- phone number,
- a brief statement about their contribution to the community

Nominations are open until February 18 at 4:30 p.m. at caledon.ca/adult55.

Questions? Please call 905.584.2272 x.4106 or email adult55@caledon.ca.

Learn about Caledon’s Future



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Open House By-Law Review - Encroachment and Clean Yards



You are invited to an open house to learn more about and provide feedback on the proposed by-law updates noted below.

DATE AND TIME **March 3, 2022 | 6 – 7 p.m.**

LOCATION **Virtual meeting**
Video (live stream) link: haveyoursaycaledon.ca/boulevards
Join by phone: 416-216-5643, or 1-833-311-4101 (Toll Free)
Access code: 2634 315 7859#

ENCROACHMENT BY-LAW

Encroachment by-laws are intended to regulate encroachments on Town-owned boulevards. A new by-law is being proposed to provide permissive rather than restrictive rules pertaining to encroachments on boulevards.

The proposed by-law will:

- Allow minor encroachments (soft and hard landscaping) to be permitted on adjacent boulevards;
- Provide clear guidelines on the maintenance standards of both soft and hard landscaping;
- Establish a permit process for any encroachments that are not considered minor encroachments; and
- Include enforcement powers for any non-compliant encroachments.

CLEAN YARDS BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The current Clean Yards By-law regulates the care and maintenance of land. An amendment to the by-law is being proposed to allow for consistency with the Encroachment By-law regarding boulevard maintenance. The proposed amendment will:

- Require homeowners to maintain the adjacent boulevard free of tall grass (grass exceeding eight inches in height), excluding properties zoned Agricultural or Rural; and
- Update several definitions to allow for better clarity.

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Brock’s Banter

Dedicated leaders and extraordinary heroes

BY BROCK WEIR

It arrived with minimal fanfare on Sunday, a far cry from similar anniversaries 10, 20, and even 45 years ago.

Thanks to the global pandemic and some alarming shifts in global affairs and public discourse, 2022 is a very different world compared to the everyday realities of 2012, 2002, and 1977.

2012 wasn’t immune from seismic shifts in the decade that preceded it. If you put the 2002 yearbook side by side with that of 1977, it might be easier to point out the differences than the similarities. And yet, throughout it all, has been Queen Elizabeth II.

70 years ago this past weekend, upon the death of her father George VI, while she was on an official tour, spending the night in a tree-house overlooking the wild animals of Kenya as they gathered around a watering hole, Princess Elizabeth became Queen of this and many other countries.

While her accession to the throne was a global event, the very moment of the transition from one reign to the next, passed silently.

The Queen marked the 70th anniversary of her remarkable reign, her Platinum Jubilee, with a small reception just before the anniversary, spending the day itself quietly, privately, as she always has, in quiet contemplation of her father.

While it is easy to recognize February 6 as a celebration of her reign, it should be considered that, for Elizabeth II, it is also a day for a daughter to remember her father.

The Queen has often been lauded as a living symbol of continuity in a rapidly changing world, yet also a person who has balanced continuity with deftly shifting and evolving with the times, perhaps even pivoting, to serve her people.

“I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and to the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong,” said Princess Elizabeth in a broadcast from South Africa to mark her 21st birthday in 1947.

The aforesaid “imperial family” has come and gone, replaced with the Commonwealth Family of Nations, yet she remains, an historic, and dare I say iconic, figure who somehow remains as relevant today as ever.

Take, for instance, global speech our Head of State made in April 2020 when the world was still grappling with a virus keeping us all indoors, an invisible enemy of which we knew precious little.

At a time of uncertainty and fear, a time when words from our politicians were doing equally precious little to comfort the masses, millions of people from around the world were compelled to gather around their televisions, their radios, and their devices to hear their monarch. They might not have been able to pinpoint just why they felt the need to take it in, but feel it they did.

“Together we are tackling this disease, and I want to reassure you that if we remain united and resolute, then we will overcome it,” she said. “I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge.

“Across the Commonwealth and around the world, we have seen heartwarming stories of people coming together to help others, be it through delivering food parcel and medicines, checking on neighbours or converting businesses to help the relief effort. And though self-isolation may at times be hard, many people of all faiths, and of none, are discovering that it

presents an opportunity to slow down, pause and reflect, in prayer or meditation.

“While we have faced challenges before, this one is different. This time, we join with all nations across the globe in a common endeavour. Using the great advances of science and our instinctive compassion to heal, we will succeed, and that success will belong to every one of us. We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again.”

Her message was universal and one, it seemed, many leaders felt difficult to articulate. But this was not the Queen’s first kick at the can. Time, wisdom and experience came together to reassure people on a very different level than our other leaders – and judging from the response I saw from even some unlikely quarters on how these words moved them both tears and resolve, it couldn’t have been firmer on point.

After nearly 70 years on the throne and, yes, ensconced in the safety of her “bubble” within a castle, she was, in my view, never closer to citizens of her realms or closer to the pulse of everyone throughout the Commonwealth.

Elizabeth II is an extraordinary woman who has reigned through extraordinary times. She continues to do so through times that were, perhaps, never more extraordinary than they are now. As such, this extraordinary anniversary, in my view, should be marked in extraordinary ways throughout our communities, whether through public art, infrastructure improvements, facilities dedications, or even the establishment of scholarships and bursaries in her name.

In the Golden and Diamond Jubilees, the Government of Canada followed the lead of the United Kingdom by issuing commemorative medals to honour unsung community builders and the everyday heroes around is.

As we still work towards coming out of our extraordinary public health circumstances, I personally can think of no better way to mark this extraordinary milestone of, yes, an extraordinary leader by creating a medal in her name to honour the extraordinary heroes who have worked tirelessly each and every day for the past two years to keep us safe, fed, and employed.

It’s often said that true superheroes don’t have to wear capes. True superheroes don’t have to wear crowns, either. What we have seen over the past 24 months is that our superheroes also wear medical scrubs, they wear aprons, they wear grocery store name tags accompanied by creatively-personalized PPE, and they even sport wrinkles in the seats of their pants, a testament to their long hours behind the wheel to keep our supply chains flowing.

Last week ended with a dire warning from Toronto police to our frontline heroes – our tireless and dedicated doctors and nurses – to avoid wearing anything that gave away their profession lest they be attacked with any form of abuse from a small group of individuals in Toronto apparently intent on ending public health mandates.

It’s a far cry from where we were in the spring of 2020 when such uniforms were almost universally celebrated and before the rainbows that decorated our windows, so movingly described by the Queen in her April 2020 address, sadly dried up.

To honour an extraordinary woman and her extraordinary reign, I can’t think of a better tangible way to honour our Platinum-plated frontline heroes than a medal in her name.

It’s not too late to make it happen.



Unnecessary loss of human life is tragic

by Mark Pavilons



I find it tragic and sad when human life is wasted.

When someone is born, lives and dies, but whose life goes by unnoticed, it’s an extreme waste of potential.

Sure, I get it. Thousands of people, including children, die every day. Many of these deaths are preventable, but our society has not evolved enough to get concerned about all life around the globe. I wonder just how long it will take before all governments, all people, all religions, come together in some fashion to further the human condition, not destroy it. Doubt I will see it in my lifetime.

When I think about a single, poor child in regions of conflict or famine, wasting away in her mother’s arms, I cry. People in small, seaside villages are killed by renegade tsunamis on a regular basis. Entire families wiped off the face of the earth in seconds.

Gone is so much potential, an immeasurable amount of all things human – love, compassion, goodwill, friendship, contributions.

Maybe they were doomed from the start, given their precarious situation.

It’s sad that tens of thousands of our fellow men, women and children don’t have a chance to reach for the stars, simply because no one cares. If we did, each and every one of them would be properly cared for. Their basic needs of clean water, food and shelter would be met. They’d get life-saving medications and vaccines. They would go to school.

And yet, as the world’s billionaires get richer, the poor get poorer and the disadvantaged die. They perish without so much as a thought, let alone any formal ceremony to remember their lives.

Every life is sacred. If that malnourished mother can comfort her kids and make them laugh, is that not important? If the disease-plagued residents of refugee camps can share stories of their ancestors, sing and dance, isn’t that what humanity is all about? If we in the west truly knew and understood the level of global suffering, it would make us sick, more ill than any virus.

We are consumed by our trivial woes and whine about gas prices, a lack of abundance in grocery store shelves, and interest rates.

I hate it all.

I hate that in this day and age, when we develop telescopes to peer into the far reaches of the universe, we can’t get homeless teens off the streets. I hate it that we can make self-driving cars but ignore malnutrition, malaria and overflowing refugee camps.

Maybe the pestilence mentioned in Revelation is here, but confined to certain parts of the globe. Take heed, my friends. Fortunately for us we humans, all prophesies of the apocalypse have been wrong so far.

That gives us more time to get it right.

The plague before us has changed the world forever. It also took many souls from us prematurely – mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters. That is also a huge waste, a tragic loss that we can never qualify. How many healers, scientists, poets and philosophers were lost to humanity? How do we replace such enormous talent?

Why did it happen? Can we prevent it from happening again?

Who reminds us, who teaches us, to be kind to the downtrodden? Who leads the way in extending a helping hand? Who’s responsible for maintaining the human race?

Yes, my fellow cogs, these are somewhat rhetorical questions. But that doesn’t mean they can’t be answered or those roles fulfilled.

Who wants to live the wrong life and then die?

Many of our fellow citizens – volunteers around the world – have dedicated their lives to improving the human condition. We have seen a modicum of progress. Infant mortality rates have dropped and more have access to necessities. Yet this work is never finished, not until every last soul is saved and every last person is given a fighting chance.

What if we dropped our designer gloves and hedge funds and picked up shovels and plows, planted trees and turned on the fresh water taps at every corner of our home world? What if we buried our guns and sidelined our tanks, in favour of convoys that delivered hope to the hopeless?

Earth is all we have. It’s finite.

Its inhabitants are unique in the universe. Here on the ground, we’re not all that different if you think about it.

Prophets came and went, but all shared a similar desire – to unite, to help, to guide and to deliver.

Where are such gurus today? Who will save us?

The rich, those who turn a blind eye, will have little to boast about when the world crumbles around them, fires rage and humanity sinks beneath the seas.

We try to be good most of the time but sometimes we can’t be bothered. Often, especially lately, it’s just too much work.

Some think its all meaningless in the end. We help someone, give a family member a kidney, sacrifice all the time and the result? We all die anyway!

That’s a fatalistic and pessimistic way of looking at things. It’s somewhat true, but since we’re a resilient lot, we always look for the silver lining. If we can’t help everyone, we help one. And that’s a start.

If we didn’t at least try, it would be every man form himself, like those crabs in a bucket.

What if Mother Teresa simply gave up? What if Ghandi just packed it in?

Maybe it’s not about changing the world, but changing attitudes. Perhaps what we need as a society is a course correction.

Just like grandma’s famous stew, the only ingredient we need is plenty of TLC.

Our Readers Write

Time to accept we live in “endemic world,” says reader

The sheer volume of noise on so many fronts today are mind numbing. The latest missive in the Citizen written by Sheralyn Roman is yet another voice of the selectively outraged.

The back and forth pitting of Canadians against each other must stop. Sadly, the Federal leadership has so clearly defined its sorrowful inability to see the forest for the trees.

By creating a narrative to divide people rather than unite shows utter failure. It’s far easier to pit neighbors and families against each other rather than to examine the truths of failed policies.

Let’s be clear: I am fully vaxxed yet support

the notion that enough is enough and things must change.

As for the defective messaging going on in today’s media, no Canadian would support the desecration of monuments that has happened in Ottawa, yet that has become the debate the media and government wish to focus on.

Scientists should never have political authority yet this is where we are. I stayed home, got my shots, limited my interactions, yet today, lack confidence that the experts really know what they are doing as to the path forward.

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A Delicate Balance

Did you ever ride a “Teeter-Totter,” or “See-Saw” in your youth? Those were the two most common names I knew of for that ubiquitous piece of equipment that could be found in just about any playground but which, as with so many other things these days, has changed significantly in these last few years.

I’m not even sure what you’d call today’s iteration? With new safety features, it barely bounces at all and it most certainly doesn’t come hurtling down with a hard crash when your “friend” hops off the other side! Why am I muttering on about playground equipment? Is it mostly because I’m in a reflective mood? No, not really – it’s just that to my mind, the see-saw is such a visually perfect analogy for all that is both good and bad in our community, our province and in our country, and just like when we were kids, finding that delicate balance that creates stability is proving harder and harder to achieve.

As we have seen most recently with the “freedom” convoys, anti-vaxxer protests and health care workers (and their supporters) counter-protest, there’s been a lot of rhetoric, vitriol and even allegations of violence.

Were we to line everyone up on a see-saw large enough to support both sides, I firmly believe all we would see is a jarring, swift-moving up and down motion with little or no effort at striking a balance that would keep the see-saw stable.

The issue isn’t that 90% of us aren’t trying very hard to create that balance, it’s that the 10% seem to derive much more pleasure from violently “jumping off,” creating wildly fluctuating movement that sends riders hurtling towards space or hurtling towards the ground. They have no fear of the risks involved – after all, they won’t get injured – they’ve jumped off! The individuals who have made this freedom convoy their own (have you seen the American flags, noted the mysterious donations from alt-right, American and other questionable sources – these are by no means truckers) have essentially jumped off the see-saw, wreaking havoc across the country and will eventually disperse only after having caused injury to the rest of us.

Who can we rely on during these difficult times? Well, typically we would look to our elected leaders. The ones we democratically placed our faith in to guide us during times of wild fluctuations and there’s no doubt these have been wild times. The problem is that they too are always riding the teeter-totter, struggling to find the balance between ongoing voter support and meeting the needs of the community at large.

It’s a delicate balance but ultimately one would think the “greater good” philosophy would prevail. Sometimes politicians have to make hard choices, like shutting down convoys that have nothing to do with

freedom anymore and which are causing irreparable harm to the people of Ottawa and our nation.

Residents are virtually trapped in their homes. Employees cannot attend work and are losing their source of income, with potentially dire consequences. Women leaving domestic violence and living in transitional shelter housing are being further traumatized daily, as are our health care workers and anyone wearing a mask. They are traumatized by the horns, blocked access to health care and groceries, and by endless hecklers on the streets threatening all manner of harm including, “I’ll rip more than that mask off your face.”

The citizens of Ottawa are at the bottom of the see-saw and the “freedom” convoy are riding high, without consequence. As for our politicians, one seems to have forgotten that Ottawa is in Ontario and instead of taking action, is promising this coming election’s equivalent of “buck a beer” with the hint that license plate sticker requirements will be removed saving all us good “folks” \$120 bucks a year.

Don’t fall for it. Still others in our nation’s capital are posing for pictures in the streets, all smiles and thumbs up, buddying up to the protesters. No one, it appears, is striving for balance.

Perhaps that’s why I never particularly liked the teeter-totter. I am always striving for balance. I love nothing more than to listen to two sides of a discussion

and try to help people find consensus. Even as a kid I enjoyed the challenge of trying to balance that piece of playground equipment exactly equidistant from the ground and sky, particularly challenging if the person opposite me was much bigger or much smaller. To me, the challenge lay in finding the delicate balance and then seeing how long it could be maintained. It’s too bad so many others seem to go for the cheap shot – the quick but fleeting thrill of the takedown – laughing as their partner on the playground is sent rocketing towards a hard landing. On the one side is democracy and the “greater good,” and on the other, anarchy. The see-saw is broken.

BTW – should anyone be interested, the general school of thought around when the see-saw first appeared is this: According to Google – the source of all knowledge – in the 17th century young Korean girls were banned from participating in life outside the walls of their personal courtyard, so they invented a mechanism much like the modern day seesaw in order to be able to rise up and see over the walls. Maybe there’s something to be said for maintaining an insular perspective?

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Don’t complain about the water

The Winter Olympics are underway as the best athletes in the world give their best performance in a bid to bring home a medal.

Almost every sport in the Olympics should have a clear winner. It’s not like they are tossing hand grenades and hoping to hit a target.

For the most part, the first person to cross the finish line, or posts the fastest time, wins.

The exception is the sports that are judged. “Judged” being the key word here.

If you remember the Olympics when the Soviet Union was still around, the judged sports were, at best, highly suspicious.

If an Eastern Block figure skater performed and was awarded a 7.5 by five western judges, the judge from East Germany would award a 9.5. It got so ridiculous, you would almost end up dismissing the sport at the international level as a bunch of nonsense on ice.

The Olympics should be about sports – and nothing else. There should be no politics involved and no national grandstanding to the absurd level.

The Beijing Olympics are under a diplomatic boycott by several countries, including Canada. Now that the games are underway, we can see why.

The Chinese have been accused of detaining around

1 million people in detention camps and re-education camps. It is something they deny, but there is proof of such camps.

Next, is the typical communist attitude by the Chinese government.

A Chinese Foreign Minister warned the U.S. to stop “interfering” with the Winter Olympics.

“Pressure will only make the Chinese people more united, and confrontation will not stop China from becoming stronger,” the Minister said.

What he should have said is, ‘we will put more people in prison if they disagree.’

That became evident when a committee member of the Beijing organizing committee warned “any behaviour or speech that is against the Olympic spirit, especially against the Chinese laws and regulations, is also subject to certain punishment.”

It’s a guess as to what that is supposed to mean. Are they going to arrest any athlete that questions a call from a ref during hockey game?

Western athletes were told to leave their cell phones and tablets at home and to use untraceable “burner” phones, because their calls would be intercepted and they would be spied on when in Beijing.

Who would want to risk being arrested for mak-

ing a call home and complaining about a local Beijing restaurant that was favoured by communist party officials?

The actual sports themselves are also under scrutiny.

There have already two instances in speed skating where a western skater was disqualified which moved a Chinese skater into the medal round.

Then there is the instance of a Chinese team figure skater who fell. That in itself is not a big deal. Skaters fall – it’s part of the sport.

Except the skater who fell was born in the U.S. and renounced her U.S. citizenship only so she could compete with the Chinese team under a new name. After the fall, all videos of the incident suddenly disappeared from all social media. The Chinese could not allow anyone to witness a failure.

Compare that to the old Wide World of Sports TV show opening that featured a ski jumper wiping out rather badly, week after week – the “agony of defeat” is part of sports.

Take a look at the Chinese hockey teams. Out of 25 members on the men’s roster, there’s only 10 Chinese players. On the women’s team, only 11 of 23 players are Chinese.

One woman on the women’s team is from Canada,

is white, and has a very Anglo name. She refused to answer a reporter’s question about her nationality or how she ended up on a Chinese hockey team.

China doesn’t recognize dual citizenship, so how are these players even allowed to compete on a Chinese team?

Several of the players don’t have any obvious Chinese heritage at all, prompting even some Chinese citizens to question why the team is mostly foreigners. They would like to see their country represented by Chinese athletes, not foreigners.

Most likely the people who complained are now being welcomed at one of the re-education camps.

There was the Dutch Journalist who was tackled and dragged away during the middle of a live broadcast by two uniform wearing “authorities.”

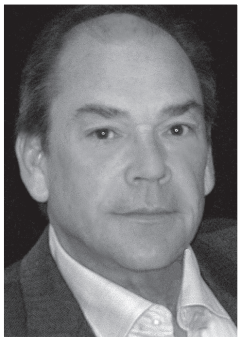
No one has explained why this happened.

I can now see why there is a diplomatic boycott.

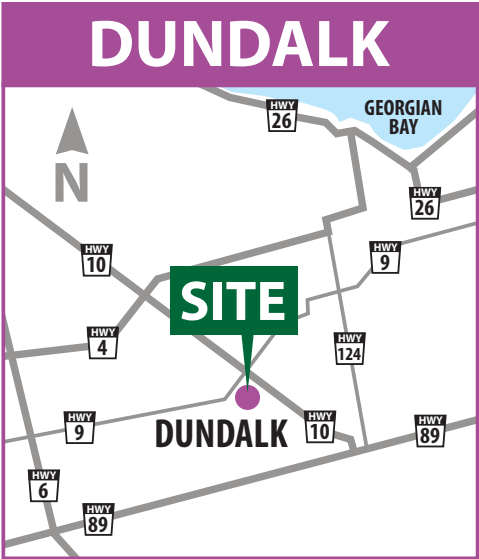
No official wants to risk going to Beijing and being arrested for cheering too loudly for their team.

Still, I hope our athletes do well, and win honestly.

BRIAN LOCKHART
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Blue Bomber, former York Lion, brings Grey Cup home

BY ROBERT BELARDI

With no punting in overtime in the CFL, rookie Marc Liegghio stood on the sidelines and watched his Blue Bombers go to work.

His team just scored a touchdown and a two-point conversion. It was all up to the defence to seal the victory.

He watched Jeremiah Masoli begin to march down the Tim Hortons Field's turf. He saw Masoli's pass tipped twice and fall into Kyrie Wilson's arms. It was over.

In his first year in the League, he became a Grey Cup Champion.

He sprinted on to the field in jubilation. He hugged anyone with a Bombers jersey that he could find. He showed respect to Tiger-Cats kicker Michael Domagala on the other side of the field for his incredible game on the field. But when he went into the locker room and the Grey Cup in the team's hands, he said it is something indescribable.

"Going into the changeroom after and seeing all the champagne everywhere, it was such an amazing feeling. It's something you can't write," Liegghio said.

"I literally couldn't imagine [winning the Grey Cup] at all. Going in there, I just

wanted to do my job well. I wanted to make a name for myself and then, by the time we got to the playoffs, I said, wow, we're 11-3 right now. We're the hunted team. We're the ones favoured to win the cup this year. We came this far. We're going to finish our job. There was no thought of it, we won the Grey Cup in 2019. We wanted to win it this year."

The Woodbridge, ON, native, who was drafted by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 45 overall in 2020, brought the Grey Cup last Wednesday to the Aurora Sports Dome; his former stomping ground with the York Region Lions.

He had previously brought the Grey Cup to his former high school, Bill Crothers, and was going to bring the Cup back home to his family in Woodbridge as well.

With total euphoria behind his speech, Liegghio said he is also humbled by this victory and was adamant on bringing the Cup to every place that had the most impact on where he is today.

"It still hasn't hit me. It still feels like it's a surreal feeling to be at this part of my life. Seeing little kids come up to me and look up to me. I just want to give back now. I've reached my goal and my goals [are] going to

keep growing I'm not done yet," Liegghio said.

"Just seeing all the youth coming up to me and wanting to be taught, it's such an amazing feeling. It hasn't even hit me yet that I'm a professional football player. Looking at the Cup on the table and looking at everyone look at me, it's starting to sink in a little bit. But, you know, there's always work to be done and I'm going to get better every year."

Liegghio greeted many local fans, took pictures and signed autographs for the youth in the dome, many of whom were motivated by his latest accom-

plishment.

A multi-sport athlete in his youth, Liegghio began playing soccer and eventually moved on to play hockey and rugby as well.

In high school, his friend's father recommended he play football. He began kicking, but made his way around each and every position.

Around the same time, Liegghio joined the York Region Lions football program. He began learning how to kick the right way.

At an OFSAA tournament with Bill Crothers, Western University recruited Liegghio.

He helped the Western Mustangs secure a

Vanier Cup in 2017.

In 2019, Liegghio lead all U-Sports punters and set an OUA record, averaging 47.5 yards per punt. That same year, he was a first-team all-Canadian for kicking and punting and also broke the record for the most field goals in a career.

Then, in 2020, he was selected by the Blue Bombers in what he calls the highlight of his life.

Liegghio thanked all of his coaches that have made a difference and thanked the York Region Lions program for an incredible experience in helping shape him to where he is today.



Marc Liegghio
PHOTO BY ROBERT BELARDI

Canadian Premier League releases 2022 schedule

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Canadian Premier League fans won't have to wait much longer until the start of the 2022 campaign.

The CPL released the official schedule last week, giving York United the honours to take part in the first game of the season.

The Nine Stripes will host the HFX Wanderers at York Lions Stadium on April 7, at 7.30 p.m.

From then until October 9, this 28-game season will see each team take on each other twice, hosting 14 matches and playing 14 matches on the road.

Each match will primarily take place over the weekends with the exception of 16 games overall that will take part throughout the week.

Just like last season, the top four clubs will progress into the playoffs. The semi-finals will consist of a two-leg fixture with

a home and away match. Whoever wins on aggregate will advance to a one-match CPL final.

All matches can be viewed on One Soccer.

Last season, local club York United advanced to the playoffs. The Nine Stripes were ousted by provincial rivals Forge FC.

In light of their exit from the postseason, Managing Consultant Angus McNab

removed Jimmy Brennan from the helm of the team and welcomed in Canadian legend Martin Nash as the club's second manager in its history.

With one of the youngest average ages in the entire league, York's impressive run last season has left many fans feeling optimistic for this upcoming season.

These few changes could get the club over the hump and into their first ever CPL final.

Dairy Farmers offer bursary program for OMHA players

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Ontario Minor Hockey Association is partnering with the Dairy Farmers of Ontario to present a bursary program which recognizes minor hockey players for outstanding commitment.

The program recognizes players for community service, athletics, and academics.

There are two awards – the Dairy Farms of Ontario Bursary, and the Wally Scott Bursary.

Recipients of the awards will receive financial support toward their post-secondary education.

There are five DFO Bursaries that will be awarded at \$8,000. The Wally Scott Bursary recipients can receive between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

"Dairy Farmers of Ontario supports Ontario youth in achieving their goals, both on and off the ice," said Cheryl Smith, DFO's chief executive officer. "MilkUP represents perseverance, originality and heart and these values are the focus of this bursary program. Dairy farmers and their families proudly recognize the dedication and commitment of young athletes across Ontario, in their journey to pursue athletic, academic and commu-

nity excellence."

This is the third season the OMHA is partnering with the Dairy Farmers for these awards.

"We hope these bursaries help our players achieve their goals and that they can continue to give back within their communities," said OMHA executive director Ian Taylor. "These bursaries are a testament to the time commitment, focus and dedication needed to succeed at a high level both in the classroom and on the ice."

There are several eligibility requirements for applicants.

Applicants must be active players up to 20 years of age and must have been a registered player in the OMHA for a minimum of five years. A player must be attending a post-secondary institution during the 2022 – 2023 academic year.

Applicants must maintain a high standard of academic excellence, and active in their local community programs, including sport or social programs. They must be applying to a post-secondary institution in Ontario.

Applicants can apply through the OMHA website.

The cut-off for applications is 8:00 p.m., on February 27, 2022.

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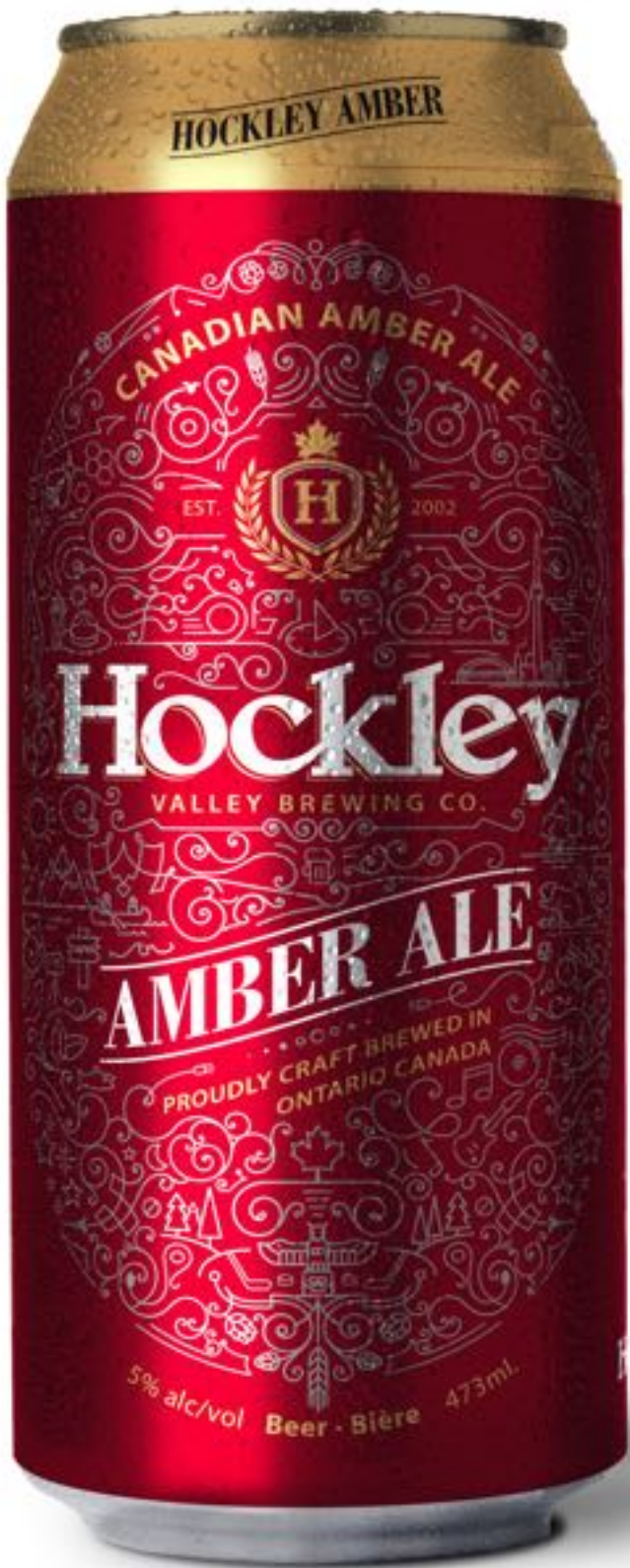
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**Town of Shelburne
Job Posting
Deputy Clerk/Committee Coordinator**

The Town of Shelburne is a vibrant community located in the County of Dufferin, considered the fastest growing town in Ontario and the second fastest growing town in Canada based on 2016 Census information. With a current estimated population of 8,800, the population is estimated to grow to 15,000 in the next 15 years. Shelburne is an urban hub regionally and supports surrounding communities for shopping, dining, medical services and employment.

The Town of Shelburne is accepting resumes for the position of Deputy Clerk/Committee Coordinator. This is a fulltime position based on a 35-hour work week, night and/or weekend meetings will be required. The 2022 salary range is \$39.48 to \$44.91 per hour.

Reporting to the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, general duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Responsible for providing administrative support to Council and Committees, and the Legislative Services Department.
- Pursuant to Section 228(2) of the *Municipal Act*, assumes the statutory role of the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk in their absence, performs delegated powers and duties assigned by the Clerk in accordance with Municipal By-laws and other legislated Acts. Assists with planning, directing, and administering all activities of the Legislative Service's Department including preparation and distribution of the Council Agenda, Committee Coordinator, administering oaths, and conducting the Municipal Election.

A copy of the full job description is available at www.shelburne.ca/townhall/careers

To apply for this position, please submit your resume by email to: hr@shelburne.ca no later than, Friday February 25, 2022, at 3:00pm.

Please quote the job title in the subject line.

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Town of Shelburne
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Please note that the Town of Shelburne requires that all newly hired employees are to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment and must provide proof of fully vaccinated status or provide proof of a medical or Human Rights Code exemption, prior to starting employment.

The Town of Shelburne has made a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. The Town is committed to attracting, developing, and retaining highly talented employees with a variety of identities and backgrounds, in order to better reflect the growing diversity of the Town of Shelburne.



**Town of Shelburne
Job Posting
Junior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer**

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The Town of Shelburne is accepting resumes for the position of Junior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer. This is a fulltime position based on a 35-hour work week, night and/or weekend hours are required. The 2022 salary range is \$26.99 to \$30.56 per hour.

Reporting to the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, general duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- The Junior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (MLEO) will investigate and resolve complaints with respect to municipal by-laws and evaluate existing by-laws for continued compliance as well as develop new by-laws as deemed necessary. This position will be responsible for community education regarding Town by-laws and be required to accommodate weekend and evening work.

- 35 hours per week, varied shifts, nights and days.

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OBITUARIES

**RAYBURN, Gordon
March 27, 1947, to January 30, 2022**

Gordon Carl Rayburn was a husband, father, grandfather, businessman, mentor and friend. He left our world suddenly on January 30, 2022, in his 75th year.

Gordon was born in Orangeville to Lorne and Josephine Rayburn, where he grew up on the family dairy farm with his brother and two sisters. As a boy, Gordon was involved in 4-H and played recreational baseball and hockey. One of his most significant accomplishments was when in 1963, he plowed in the World Plowing Match held in Caledon, Ontario.

Gordon left high school to work, he travelled west, where he installed gas lines in Calgary and throughout the province of Alberta. At 20, Gordon returned home, purchased a backhoe and started digging; he never looked back. Gordon married Diane in 1972, and together they expanded the construction company and established a Hereford cattle beef operation.

Gordon was very involved within our community. He was a member of the Kinsmen service club, a past board member with the Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka Crime Stoppers and a member of the Orangeville Police Services Board. Gordon participated with many groups and municipal councils on projects throughout the county. Over the years, Gordon sponsored many minor sports teams and budding athletes. In 1976, Rayburn Construction was the corporate sponsor of the Orangeville Stingers Junior C Lacrosse team who won the Ontario championship. He supported the Orangeville Junior C Crushers hockey team as a board member, donor and fan, travelling the province to cheer them on. Gordon was very proud to be the long-time corporate sponsor of the Junior A Northmen lacrosse team. He has supported young men on and off the floor for over four decades as they chased their dreams.

Gordon was a mentor to many young athletes and entrepreneurs over the years. He was always there to share advice and guidance with those who asked. Those who were fortunate enough to have his hand on their shoulder know he was a larger-than-life figure. He was proud to witness many of these young men succeed in life, and he was humbly honoured to be a part of their success. Gordon will be greatly missed by Chad. As Rayburn Construction Ltd. expanded with excavators, scrapers, dozers, and more of the signature blue dump trucks, Gordon's impact was obvious in our community.

Gordon was very proud when both his daughters Cynthia and Amanda returned home from university and joined him in the business. He felt it was a privilege to work alongside them every day.

At the end of the day and on weekends, he was always found on the farm. Farming was more than a hobby for both Gordon and Diane; it was a return to their roots. A full-time job for some, it was Gordon's time for reflection and contemplation. He was often found on weekends in a tractor or working cattle.

In the early years of business, farming and family, Gordon would travel our region showing commercial heavy horses. The signature blue and white colours were woven with ribbons into the horse's mains, and the large blue show wagons were drawn by as many as an eight-horse hitch. They entertained large crowds at local fall fairs and the RCMP musical ride at the Orangeville fairgrounds.

Over the past decade, he found great pleasure farming on Manitoulin Island. The air was fresh, and the stars were brighter up north. When asked, he'd always say, "there's never a bad day on the island."

One of Gordon's happiest days was the day he became a grandfather. He doted on his grandson Gordy. Teaching him to value the small things in life from welcoming a new calf in the barn to the pride in working the land to bring in a bumper crop. They would spend hours in the tractor, skid steer and excavator doing odd jobs around the farm or seen on the Kubota checking fences and cattle with Gordon's four-legged buddy Toby.

On January 3, 2022, Rayburn Construction Limited celebrated 55 years in business, serving Dufferin, Caledon and Wellington communities shaping the landscape of our counties.

His family will significantly miss Gordon: his wife Diane, daughters Cynthia Amanda and his grandson Gordy along with many employees, friends and colleagues.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, there will be no service. The family will host a celebration of Gordon's life this summer when we can gather together safely.

In lieu of flowers and to honour Gordon's memory, lets follow in his footsteps and spread kindness in the communities he loved.

Online condolences may be made at www.imfunerals.com

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OBITUARIES

**JAMIESON, Harold
Lloyd**

Harold Lloyd Jamieson, of Orangeville, ON, passed away on Wednesday, February 02, 2022, in his 87th year at the Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home. Harold was born in Hillsdale, ON on July 28, 1935. He greatly enjoyed his childhood in the area along with his six brothers and sister. He lived in Collingwood before settling in Orangeville.

He is predeceased by his loving wife Eleanor Isabel McMillan (2021) of 63 years; by his parents Orville Howard Jamieson & Cordis Jean (Marcellus); sister Helen (Arensburg); brothers William, Lorne, Earl, George, Walter and survived by his youngest brother Ross of Courtney, BC. Survived also by his beloved daughter Heather Jamieson (Toronto) and his son Brian & Heidi (Boemler) of Calgary. Cherished grandfather of his special girls Mackenzie & Tyler. Harold will also be missed by many nieces, and nephews along with friends and wonderful neighbours.

A lifelong volunteer and member of the Westminster United Church, where he practiced his faith in the company of many friends. He loved his garden and very proud of his flower beds. He took anyone for a tour of his garden and would sell them rhubarb, cucumbers or tomatoes. Up to last summer he was still hard at work caring for his cherished garden although his body was failing him. He was determined to keep working hard until the end. Thankfully many neighbours and friends kept a good eye on him.

He was deeply loved and forever in our hearts.

Visitation was held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Peter Scott of St. Mark's Anglican Church will be officiating. Interment will follow at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Orangeville - Weather permitting

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Westminster Church Organ Fund or Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County would be appreciated by the family.

The family of Harold Jamieson wishes to thank our helpful neighbours, Matt and Yvonne Rhan, Lesley Barron, Pat Murcar, Edit Baker, Westminster United Church friends and the caring staff of Dufferin Oaks.

A tree will be planted in memory of Harold in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com



OBITUARIES

GRANT, JENNIFER LOUISE



Jennifer passed peacefully in Thornbury on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 surrounded by loving family and supported by dear friends.

Born in Edmonton on February 13, 1953, she was a daughter of Anne Nielsen (born in Shanghai, China, 1923) and Harold 'Hal' Grant (born in Edmonton, Alberta, 1916).

Jennifer will be missed by her loving son Evan Borgstrom (Eva) and loving daughter Katy Groves (Nick). She was the proud grandmother of Zoe, Milo (Borgstrom) and Grace (Groves).

Jennifer was the much loved sister of David (Joanne), Len (Marie) and Larry (Janice).

Jennifer's legacy in organic food and holistic practises touched many people. She was the proud founder of Harmony Market in Orangeville, Ontario and a respected member of the organic and holistic community. She was an advisor to the Canadian Government for the Development of Standards for Organic Food Classification.

Jennifer's smile, laugh, intelligence, sense of humour and resourcefulness will be treasured memories for all who know and love her.

A celebration of her life will be scheduled in warmer weather.

As your expression of sympathy and in memory of Jennifer, please consider a donation to Birds Canada. Your donations may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

NOTE OF THANKS

**A NOTE OF THANKS
from the family of
PAUL G. EGAN**



To all of our friends and neighbours in our beautiful community of Caledon and beyond ~

Please accept our deepest thanks for your calls, letters, donations and condolences in memory of Paul. The time each of you took to express your

love and sympathy has sustained our family and has given us strength during these most difficult times.

Although our dad did not pass due to Covid-19, we chose to make his funeral private out of an abundance of caution in order to keep our family, friends and community safe. We held tight to the beautiful memories you shared with us, and, in that, we felt less alone.

Paul would have been honoured to have seen such an outpouring of love, and we, his family, are so incredibly grateful to all of you.

Heartfelt thanks to Reverend Lisa Naumann who created a service that was perfectly befitting our dad; to Angela Hay and Anatoly Ivchenko whose music lifted our hearts; to the staff at Music 21 who broadcasted his funeral around the world for all his friends and relatives to see; to Deb Hunt, our treasured registered nurse and long time family friend for guiding us through dad's care; to Dr. Milan Kacer for being there for all of dad's needs over the last 30 years; to our dedicated team at our family funeral home who are family to each of us and carried us through it all. Most of all, thank you to our Caledon community for being our home, and for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. We will be forever grateful for your kindness.

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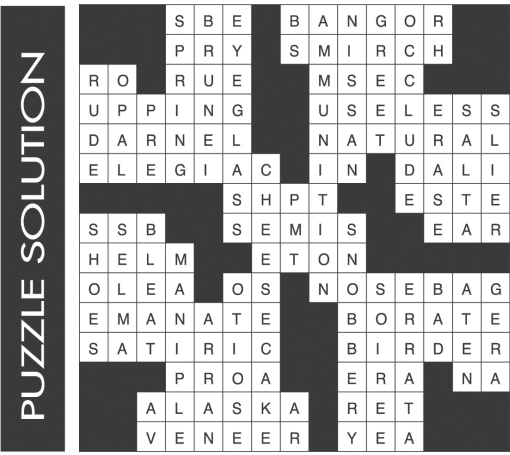
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With deep roots in Caledon, Councillor Innis is passionate to connect the community

BY ROB PAUL

Falling in love with a community like Caledon, with its natural beauty and plethora of recreation options, isn't a hard task, especially when you've got family roots going back hundreds of years.

Those family links have kept Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis in Caledon for most her life and now she's hoping to continue to shape the community for her children and her children's children as she completes her second term.

With roots that run deep, Innis has always found herself keen about community progress and caring for the place she calls home, and that's what led her to municipal politics.

"My family has been in the community for five generations, my children are the sixth to be raised on our family farm," she said. "Seeing a lot of change over time, I wanted to ensure that the community and the Caledon that I grew to love would still be here when my children are growing. I know that we're growing and changing because that comes with time, but I wanted to make sure that the sense of community and the reason why Caledon is Caledon is protected. The best way to do that is to be part of the decision-making process and that's what led me to run."

The love of the Caledon community and drive to represent it is in Innis' blood as numerous family members have committed themselves to a similar calling to help the Town in any way they can.

"Family is very important and so is community and that's something that's been well established within my family," she says. "My great-grandfather was the Reeve of Albion and my great-great-grandfather on the other side was a councillor. There's a long history of public service in my family; my grandmother was one of the first volunteers for Caledon Meals on Wheels and delivered for 20 years until she could no longer. It's really about having the opportunity to give back to the community that you love and that gives back to you. There's that expression, 'it takes a village to raise a child; well, I think one of the things that's so great about Caledon is that even though we're a community of communities, it's really a place where people know their neighbours and they care about their neighbours and they care about their community and they care about the land that they get to enjoy."

"My passion really stems from my family and the way that I was raised and just having the benefit of spending my life here. Not a lot of people can say—and I'm realizing this as I'm getting older—that they have friends who they started kindergarten with who now have children the

same age. We've gone all the way through school together and while we've all gone our separate paths, many have come back to Caledon to raise their family here because it's such a great place to raise a family."

An initiative Innis has been passionate about in her time on Council is connecting Caledon in an environmentally friendly way that showcases all the surrounding nature while encouraging residents to get outside and take in all the community has to offer.

"Anytime that you can make a difference and can help somebody and see how it impacts their everyday life, it's rewarding," she said. "They are your friends, neighbours, and community, but I think for this term in particular my focus really has been on connecting communities. I'm really proud of the work I've done on the Toronto Region Conservation Authority as their Chair. Building their trail strategy and really focusing on connecting people to nature, which is something that really comes firsthand when you're from Caledon. The acquisition of 62.6 hectares of land added to Albion Hills Conservation Area, that's green space that will be protected and preserved and can be used by our residents. I think especially during the pandemic everyone has realized the need for green spaces and how important it is for not only our physical well-being but also our mental well-being."

"Along with those trail strategies and the trail networks in Caledon, promoting active transportation. The bicycle friendly community designation was something I worked really hard for. I went to the share the road conference and came back and established a cycling task force through Council. We worked really hard to make improvements so we could become a cycling friendly community. Even things like adding paved shoulders as we start to rebuild and reconstruct roads, that's great for active transportation and cyclists, and it's also great for our taxpayers because the paved shoulders save us money in the long run for deterioration and road repairs."

Looking further into the future, Innis is proud of the work she and Council have done to connect Caledon beyond its own community and make transportation throughout the GTA easier as the Town grows.

"To stay on the topic of connecting community, the work we've done on securing the Caledon-Vaughan GO Line," she said. "I was the one who asked for the MZO to protect and designate those lands for a future GO Train because we really have to start planning. If we're going to grow to 300,000 people and another 150,000 jobs, we



Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis
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need to make sure we're connect, and it can't just be through road networks. We need public transit and active transportation. Securing those lands for a GO Train that hopefully my kids and their kids will be able to use will help connect the community to the rest of the GTA. That's huge and I'm really proud of [it] and we're working to build a community around it that is a transit-oriented community that has the look and the feel and respect for the surrounding green spaces."

Knowing connecting the community goes beyond transportation options, Innis has championed the development and expansion of the Town Hall Campus in Caledon East in an effort to help it become a go-to community hub.

"Creating those initiatives has been great, also for the community in Caledon East, the Town Hall Campus. By the time my term is done, we'll have added a swimming pool, gymnasium, walking track; we'll move the library into this space, and there will be space for the Caledon Parent-Child Centre to run programming," she said. "It's becoming a community hub and most recently we had Council support Councillor (Nick) deBoer and I in establishing a permanent rink at that location. Something that's near in dear to me, I'm bringing forward a motion soon to name that 'Reese's Rink.' We lost a young boy (Reese Meyer) a year ago to cancer, and especially during the pandemic, it pulled the community together. We're going to name it after him and it really will be a great outdoor space for the youth in our community to gather and be kids. We're really excited about the transformation occurring at the Town Hall Campus because it really is the community hub that connects the community together whether you're young or old and no matter your abilities. There's something there for everybody and I think that's really what community is about and it's a lasting legacy for our community to enjoy."

In Innis' eyes, Caledon is a unique setting due

to its sheer size and environmental surroundings, and she believes that although Caledon is growing, that's something that needs to continue to be the crown jewel of the community.

"Growing up on a farm, I know I was fortunate to have space and as someone who loves to hike and cycle and be outdoors, I think a lot of people move here or visit here because of our green spaces and how beautiful it is," she said. "That's something we need to not only promote but protect it and it's a balancing act as we grow. I think we really need to look at building resilient communities that are connected and that we create opportunities and spaces for people to connect with nature but also one another. That's what Caledon really is about."

There's plenty of key aspects to being a successful Councillor, but Innis says, above all else, teamwork is imperative along with smart planning that looks far beyond the current state of the community.

"Especially as a Regional Councillor, I think first and foremost the most important thing is teamwork because you can never do anything alone," she said. "Not everyone is always going to agree, but you always have the mutual respect to learn, grow, and understand one another. Every motion that I've ever brought forward, whether at the Town or Region, I have to get the support of the majority of my colleagues. Understanding the needs and pressures of your current community but also what is going to come and understanding the big picture and being able to create a plan on how to get there is extremely important. When we had new Councillors this term, I gave them the example that in my very first year being elected I immediately started working on the revitalization for Palgrave and Caledon East because they're big projects. Palgrave took my entire first term on Council—municipal government moves slow—and Caledon East is going to see that same transformation, but because of its scale and scope it's going to take even longer. That work will commence at the end of this year, and it will take two to three years to finish. I think having the big picture plan and charting out how to get there and working as a team is what helps you be successful."

Difficult situations can arise from representing such a large constituency, and even though not everyone will always side with Council's decisions, Innis thinks as long as community is being put first then you're doing the job you were elected to do.

"It's a challenging job and it's hard to leave things at the door when you're done at the end of the day and it's hard to turn off the phone and not take to heart comments on social media but I think you have to remind yourself why you're there and make decisions where you can look at yourself in the mirror the next day," she said. "As long as you're constantly reminding yourself why you're there and what's important, then it gives you the strength to keep going forward."

Our Readers Write

Time to accept we live in “endemic world,” says reader

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The sheer volume of noise on so many fronts today are mind numbing. The latest missive in the Citizen written by Sheralyn Roman is yet another voice of the selectively outraged.

The back and forth pitting of Canadians against each other must stop. Sadly, the Federal leadership has so clearly defined its sorrowful inability to see the forest for the trees.

By creating a narrative to divide people rather than unite shows utter failure. It's far easier to pit neighbors and families against each other rather than to examine the truths of failed policies.

Let's be clear: I am fully vaxxed yet support the notion that enough is enough and things must change.

As for the defunctive messaging going on in today's media, no Canadian would support the desecration of monuments that has happened in Ottawa, yet that has become the debate the media and government wish to focus on.

Scientists should never have political authority yet this is where we are. I stayed home, got my shots, limited my interactions, yet today, lack confidence that the experts really know what they are doing as to the path forward.

During COVID, more Canadians died of smoking-related illnesses than COVID-19.

Imagine the script where smokers must smoke outside only but return with masks back

in place to be safe. Forget the notion they just inhaled 500 chemicals, but the masks keep them safe from COVID.

Our feckless PM Trudeau has only planted more seeds of division and hate. All we Canadians are left with are forests of fear and resentment.

The detrimental economic and mental effects of shutdowns in every province have not been equally shared. There have been numerous examples of the injustices, the likes of which shall be debated forever.

I'm not interested in the ping-pong of debating, but willing to calmly share.

The shutdown of businesses in downtown Ottawa is a continuation of endless on and off shutdowns small businesses in all our local communities have faced over the past 23 months. The amount of plywood on storefront windows could build an entire community.

At this juncture, I just want people to listen and be kind.

Time to move forward and accept that we live in an endemic world. The bitterness and anger so many people contain must be released so we can find a healthy path forward.

Be smart and practical but not live in fear any longer. I appeal to media to help calm the waters not engulf them with waves of hate.

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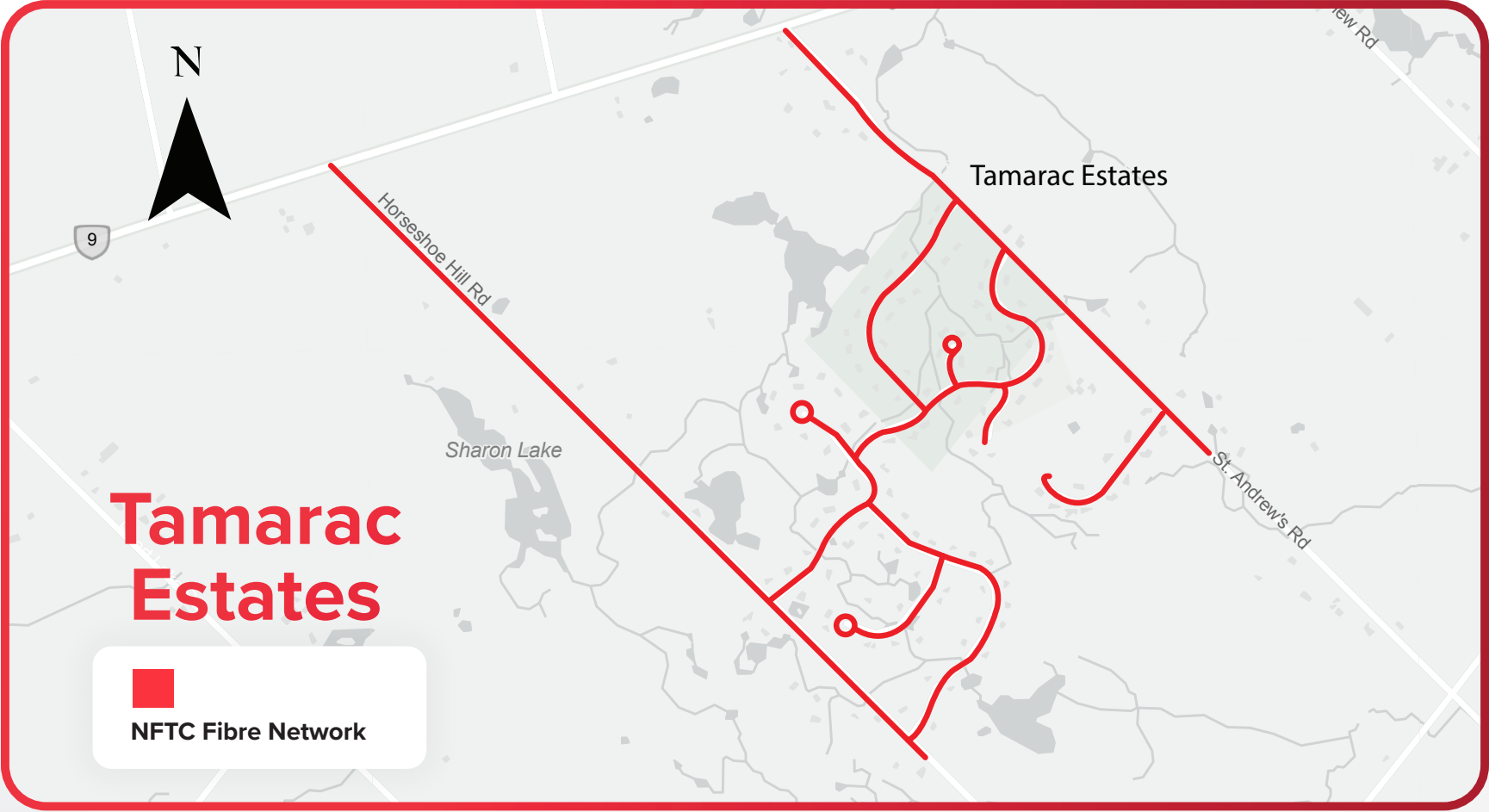
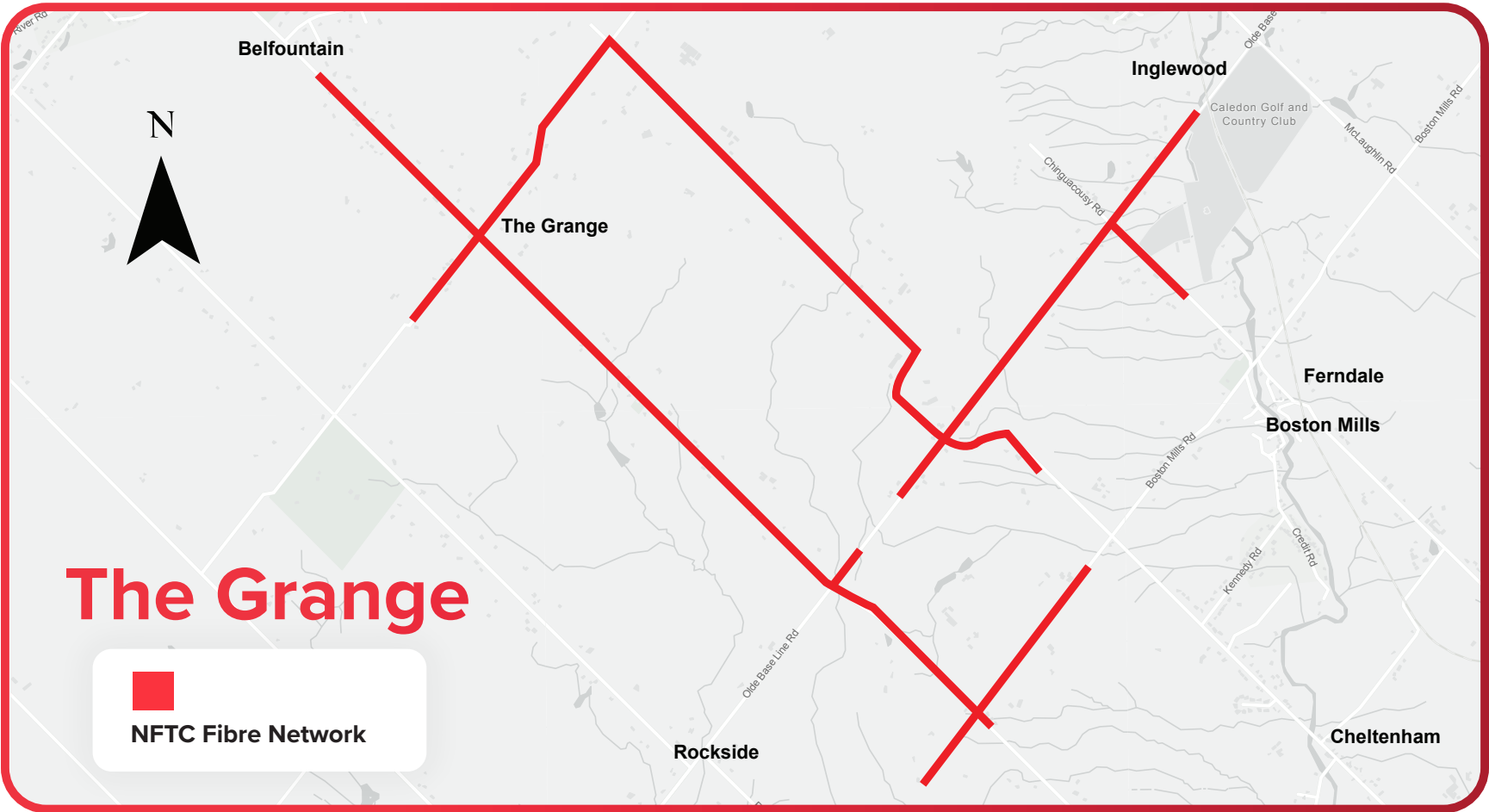
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